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SUBJ: US NAVAL SHIP VISIT TO COLOMBO

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1. CINCPAC HAS ADVISED US EARLIEST POSSIBLE COLOMBO
PORT-CALL BY PACFLT SHIP WOULD BE EARLY FIRST QUARTER
FY 75. WE CONTINUE TO FEEL EARLIER VISIT WOULD BE
VALUABLE IN VIEW ABSENCE OF USN SHIPS CALLING AT COLOMBO
SINCE USS WHIPPLE IN LATE OCTOBER 1973.

2. LAST MIDEASTFOR COLOMBO VISIT WAS USS LA SALLE AND
COMIDEASTFOR FIRST WEEK OF JUNE 1973. SUGGEST DEPT
QUERY DOD ON POSSIBILITY OF COLOMBO PORT-CALL BY MIDEASTFOR
OR ATLANTIC FLEET SHIP IN MAY. RESUMPTION OF USN COLOMBO
PORT-CALL PROGRAM AT EARLY OPPORTUNITY AFTER DIEGO
GARCIA ISSUES FADE LOCALLY WILL BE IN OUR LONG TERM
INTEREST.
VAN HOLLEN

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